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(Soviet Military Mission on its way to Guatemala)

Two days ago one of our local observers informed us that the Hotel Colonia in Guatemala City had been ordered to reserve a flight of rooms for a Soviet Military Mission which is to arrive soon.

Even though we have known for a long time that the Arbenz-Portuondo regime has completely sold out to Moscow, we were nevertheless hesitant to believe this shocking piece of news, notwithstanding the proven reliability of our observer. We therefore did not announce it immediately but first instructed one of our staff reporters to verify the story. He just came back with complete proof that the above is true:

The Hotel Colonia has indeed received such orders: our reporter saw with his own eyes the telegram, arrived from Mexico and signed by the Soviet Ambassador, A. G. Kulazhenkov, in person, which demands not only rooms for a whole crowd of Russian officers but even insists that hotel employees must be "approved" by the P.G.T. before they can be granted the privilege to come near the new masters!

Is our Army going to accept this unprecedented degradation? Is it to accept not only Soviet arms, but Soviet commanders as well? Will our officers serve under Russian orders, spied upon by Soviet political commissars and indoctrinated with atheistic communist ideology?